



World News Headlines

Prime Minister Gordon Brown told the House of Commons on Monday that he would remove half of the 5,000 British troops in Iraq by next spring, and left open the strong possibility that all British soldiers would leave Iraq by the end of 2008. Brown said the cuts were possible because of what he described as the progress made in training Iraqi security forces. ✿

A suicide bomber drove his truck into a police station north of Baghdad on Monday, crumbling the building in the deadliest of a series of blasts that killed at least 24 people across Iraq. The blast at the police station in Dijla killed at least 13 people, including 3 officers. ✿

For more international news, check out the Media Department homepage on the Intranet.

Weather

Big E	91°	
Seawater Temp.	94°	Clear to Partly Cloudy
Norfolk	81°	
Isolated T-Storms		
Big E weather provided by METOC		



Photos By MC3 N. C. Kaylor

HT2 Lance Berry uses a tig welder to weld the executive officer's handrail in the shipfitter shop.

Engineers give Big E a spark

By MC3 Jamica Johnson
Enterprise Public Affairs

Engineering Department, a group of hard working Sailors, educated and trained to provide the majority of the vital services necessary to power and maintain what's known as the world's finest Navy.

"Engineering Department's role, in support of the ship's mission, is to provide the power, propulsion

and services to sustain this 46-year-old warship as she conducts operations in the Struggle Against Violent Extremists and Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Cmdr. Dan Shaffer, Enterprise's chief engineer.

Enterprise, being commissioned almost 50 years ago, has seen the world many times over and has had several deployments under her keel. With such a rich Naval history, comes a lot of wear and tear from the seas, but Big E's engineers have put in countless hours

to keep her running smooth and strong.

"The Sailors that work for me have been truly inspiring," said Shaffer. "I have never seen so much talent and dedication in one place. The Enterprise engineers have taken on jobs that were refused by shore based companies and completed the work in half the time."

Daily these Sailors supply the ship with a more than adequate amount of fresh water, steam,

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Message from 2nd Fleet

Navy Birthday Message from Commander Second Fleet

For 232 years, our Navy has served as the nation's vanguard for defending democracy and ensuring peace and stability around the globe. Whether intercepting pirates off the coast of Somalia, operating with coalition forces to ensure maritime security in the Persian Gulf, or providing humanitarian assistance in the wake of Hurricane Felix, our Navy is there. Our global reach and presence demonstrates American resolve and determination to our allies and adversaries alike.

Since its inception, our Navy's core strength has been the professionalism of our Sailors and the unwavering support of their families. Sailors are the lifeblood which sustains our Navy. They are motivated by an uncompromising belief that they will be successful and exemplify the ideals of honor, courage and commitment.

Our 233rd year will offer many challenges known and unknown. I am confident our Sailors will continue to distinguish themselves

in all endeavors. As long as there is potential for war, we will need the Navy to help keep the peace. As President Theodore Roosevelt said in 1902, "A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest (guarantee) of peace." I believe that rings true today.

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Vice Adm. Chanik

Thank you and your families for your sacrifice and service. I am proud to serve alongside you. Happy Birthday!

Vice Adm. Chanik

Join the Multi-Cultural Heritage committee and Big E's Hispanic community for a special cultural dinner Oct. 11 at 1600 on the fwd and aft mess decks, CPOs mess and Wardrooms 1 & 2



Big E Movies

Channel 5

0600 Vacancy
0830 Live Free or Die Hard
1100 House of Sand and Fog
1330 Rush Hour
1530 Hannibal Rising
1730 Fantastic Four: The Silver Surfer
1900 Fracture
2100 Pirates of the Caribbean at Worlds End
2330 The Punisher
0200 The Cave
0400 Back to the Future 3

Channel 6

0600 Good Night and Good Luck
0830 V For Vendetta
1100 Wall Street
1330 Blind Dating
1530 Gridiron Gang
1730 The Medallion
1900 Wicker Park
2100 Cold Mountain
2330 Interview with the Vampire
0200 Click
0400 Raising Helen

Channel 7

0600 Idiocracy
0830 Ocean's Twelve
1100 Knocked Up
1330 Spaceballs
1530 Hot Fuzz
1730 Hoot
1900 Beerfest
2100 Troy
2330 Jaws
0200 Taxi
0400 Home Alone 2

Channel 8

830 All Hands RADCON
900 Sexual Assault
930 NARCOTERRORISM
1330 All Hands RADCON
1400 NARCOTERRORISM
1800 All Hands RADCON
1830 Sexual Assault
1900 NARCOTERRORISM



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Shooting away: Shooters launch an F/A-18C Hornet, attached to the "Knighthawks" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 136 during a catapult assisted launch from the flight deck.

Big E Outlook

OPSEC planning efforts should be applied to the following operations fields: personal security, physical security, military operations and civilian activities, law enforcement operations, intelligence information gathering, foreign policy operations and commercial operations. ❁

Term 3 NCPACE Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 22. All personnel that submitted third term request chits need to register in person with the instructor of that course. Enrollment must be done in person. ❁

For more information check out the Plan of the Day.

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and most notably air conditioning.

"One of the biggest challenges we deal with is the ability to keep the ship cool," said Shaffer. "Although the systems were upgraded, this ship was built decades ago, and was not designed to deal with such extreme conditions."

For Enterprise's engineers, the hours are long, the conditions are grueling and holidays are sometimes not an option. At times, keeping morale high is as big of a challenge as keeping the ship cool in the Arabian Gulf. However, Engineering's chain-of-command makes the

process seem effortless.

Shaffer believes the chiefs and senior enlisted leadership are the ones keeping the troops rallied and ready to perform. Through their constructive guidance, the junior Sailors of the department are performing their jobs at astonishing levels.

To be able to perform such a demanding job day

after day at such a high level of efficiency is not an easy task. The men and women of Enterprise's Engineering Department have sustained the ship with pride and unrelenting dedication. The essence of each individual Sailor will forever be engraved in the propulsion plants, turbine generators, and fixed systems of Big E.

ESWS QUESTION OF THE DAY



Q: What is the Big E's primary defense?

A: Aircraft

AROUND BIG E



Photo by MC3 Mickinley Cartwright

ADAN Tony Hines drains oil from the integrated drive generator of an S-3B Viking, attached to the "Maulers" of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 32.



Photo by MCSA Stacey D. Laseter

AM3 Ryan Moder, performs corrosion treatment to the avionics panel of an F/A-18F Super Hornet, attached to the "Checkmates" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 211.



Photo by MCSN Tracey L. Whitley

Aviation ordnancemen remove a weapons pylon from an F/A-18C Hornet, attached to the "Knighthawks" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 136 in the hangar bay.



Photo by MCSN Bradon Morris

DCFN Jason Schilling makes repairs to a P-100 pump on sponson five.